

machine working the surface by any of a honing processing step, a nicking processing step and a mirror finishing step, and as a result having a substance adhered thereto, the substance being a foreign material,

eliminating the substance adhered to the surface of the substrate ; and

forming a transparent protective layer containing glass by

applying a glass coating liquid containing water on said surface from which said adhered substances have been removed, and drying said surface.

42. (New) A method of treating a surface of a substrate containing titanium for an ornament, the surface of the substrate having been subjected to any of a honing processing step, a nicking processing step and a mirror finishing step and as a result having a substance adhered thereto, the substance being a foreign material, comprising the steps of:

providing the surface containing titanium;

eliminating the substance adhered to said surface of said substrate from said surface; and

forming a transparent protective layer containing glass by the steps of;

applying a glass coating liquid containing an amorphous glass and water on said surface from which said adhered substance has been removed, and drying said surface to form a layer of the amorphous glass on said surface.--.

Amend claim 1:

1. (Four Times Amended) A method of treating a surface of a substrate containing titanium for an ornament, the surface of the substrate having been subjected to any of a honing processing step, a nicking processing step and a mirror finishing step and as a result having a substance adhered thereto, the substance being a foreign material, comprising the steps of:

providing the surface containing titanium;

eliminating the substance adhered to said surface of said substrate from said surface; and

forming a transparent protective layer containing glass by the steps of;

selecting a glass coating liquid containing water and having a viscosity that is between 200-500 cps at 25°C when the substrate has been subjected to the honing processing step or the nicking processing step, and that is between 150-250 cps at 25°C when the substrate has been subjected to the mirror finishing step,

applying the glass coating liquid chosen in the selecting step on said surface from which said adhered substances have been removed, and

drying said surface.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-18, 20-24 and 40 are pending in this application and stand rejected.

Claim 1 is independent.

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The changes presented herein and arguments set out below were discussed generally with the